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CRUSHED BY TONS OF IRON. FOUR PERSONS RILLED OUTRIGHT

AND REEVEN INJURED. Four Elevated Rallroad Streets, with a Don rick, Engine, and Baller, Tumble Down on a Street Car Passing Beseath-A Part of the Car Crushed to Splinters.

Niles and miles of elevated railroad structure have been built in the last few years in this sity and Brooklyn over lines of surface car tracks on which travel has not been interrupt-There was hardly a car of the thousands that have thus been in danger that did not contals one or more passengers that understood the fact. Only the other day in a Broadway sar, Brooklyn, the writer saw an elderly gentleman jump off the platform, run along the sideraik, and again board the car, which in the nean time passed under a swinging girder that yas being hoisted into its place on the Union Bevated Railroad. The conductor laughed at him and received this response: "It may not be many days before you will see that I am right." About six weeks ago some girders and abouting machine fell at Fulton street and fatbash avenue, and narrowly missed crush ng a loaded street car that had just passed

Car 117 of the Reid avenue line, slowly pro cerding up the steep grade of Broadway, Brooklyn, shortly before 10 o'clock yesterday noming may or may not have had some one aboard with forebodings of danger as it neared the spot where a gang of men who were hurrying to finish up one contractor's section of the work on the elevated railroad there. Nothing was said of such forebodings, and no one from the car ran around the place where the men were at work. There was no pearance of danger in the work that was being hoisting of machinery over a newly placed section of longitudinal girders. But car 117 was somed to disaster here, and the shifting of the derrick platform, or traveller, under the methods of these structure builders, was the

most hazardous part of their work. Car 117 was half under the platform of the hoisting machinery when it was crushed under fifty tons of iron work, timber, and wreckage, and hidden in a cloud of steam that poured from the boiler connected with the derrick. Its driver, Thomas Thompson, was crushed and mangled almost beyond recognition. Two as managed almost beyond recognition. Iwo of the reasonagers, Matthias Minder and John Friel, were mortally hurt; the conductor and several passengers, including a young woman ameed Molies Brown. Civil Justice-elect John Petterson, and several others were more or sea injured. With the wreck of the clevated structure twelve men fell, and among them the casandina were even more severe. Two new serior killed outright, and lew were under the casandina were even more severe. Two new serior had been no warning to those below. Care and vehicles of all kinds were near at hand on either side, and the wonder was that no more were caught. A heavily laden lumber trock escaped by a miracle. A butcher cart in front of F. Fink's butcher shop at 648 Broadway was crushed and its horse killed. Its driver, Frederick Schroyer, had just driven up and jumped out upon the sidewalk. The horses of car 117 were killed. The car was crushed as to its forward half like an egg shell. The fall of this tremendous weight shock the ground like an earthquake for blocks around, and the orash was heard much further. This and the blocking up of liroadway, a main artery of travel, were the means of canaling a vast crowd to collect in a few minutes. They swarmed about the wreck in foothardy disregard of danger of further tumbiling of the racked and strained structure. Some of them essayed to help the clovated railroad men who had escaped, they hardly knew how, and had turned their attention to work upon the ruins eggs at the buried men. The police were soon on hand, Sergeant Richard Smith of the Fishing precincia, A hasty use of the derrick ropes being soon joined by help from adjoining precincia. A hasty use of the derrick ropes was made. They were stretched across the street to assist in keeping the crowd away on each side, A fire-alarm signal and calls for the reserves were also promptly responded to. The firemen, under Assistant products of the train of the work of the house over the hosting machinery contained two men, who were got out lirst, or of the passengers, Matthias Minder and John Friel, were mortally hurt; the conductor and

about the back, but young Shafer was unburt. The other men whose hurts were inconsiderable were also near the top, and it was only when the fremen got to work with saws and hammers and great timber pries that the mangled and dead were uncovered. The cardilver's body was found near the curt. Ho had aprung irom the platform, but had been eaught by the fall of the heavy Iron girder. I strick Clark and Charles Kirchner, two of the cardinod workmen, were under another articles and the platform, but had been eaught by the fall of the heavy Iron girder. I strick Clark and Charles Kirchner, two of the cardinod workmen, were under another articles, and the platform that the strick of the platform that the strick of the cardinod workmen, were taken out unconscious and removed to St. Catherine's Hessital, where Mender died late last evening. The scene at this time was terrible to the thousands that were held away from it by the police line and its reinforcement of rope. The fire apparatus stood idly by, but the firemen were working like herees. The ambulances were not idle, and the injured were boing transferred to them by staiwart policemen. Others were removing the still more ghastly burdens of the dead on stretchers to the station house. This work and the loar that some of the remaining structure was not secure resulted in the sfreet being kent closed until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Broad way cars were switched off on the Summer avonue track half a block below the seems of the accident, and run back to Broadwart work of the J. B. J. R. L. R.

the cross sirilers, this was easily borne. Bus thrown on the seat plains, this ponderous barden was without adequate support, and bound to crash down to the ground. This was what happened yesterday, and what was liable to occur every time the hoisting machinery was shifted unless the greatest care was exercised in conducting the operation. Everybody connected with the work avers that this care was exercised, and that the newly include the profession of the control of

inches, and the jar is what brought everything down."

Mr. Dackerman identified the dead workmen as the ones who had the "chocks."

The body of Charles Kirchner was identified by August Hartman. his half brother. a conductor on the Broadway line, whose car was blocked by the disaster. Hartman fainted when he saw the body. Kirchner leaves four children and a wife, who is expecting soon to become the mother of a fifth. She was thrown into convulsions by the news of the death of her husband.

THE DEAD.

Patrick Clark, a laborer on the iron work, who lives in Pearl street, New York.
Charles Kirchner, an iron worker, of 1,890 Fulton street, Brooklyn.
Thomas Thompson, cardriver, of 409 Decatur stroet, Brooklyn.
Matthias Mender, baker, of 289 Meserole street, Brooklyn, employed at Patchen avenue and Marion street.

THE INJURED.

John Frieh of 649 East Thirteenth street, New York, another passenger in the car. He has a fractured skull and is mortally hurt. Mary Young, aged 17, of 1.988 Bergon street, Brooklyn, passenger in the car; back injured; Brooklyn, passenger in the car, taken home. Charles Vosberg, iron worker, 200 Navy street, Brooklyn: slight injuries; left for home. Jacob Bender, iron worker, 47 Bedford street, Jacob Bender, iron worker, 47 Bedford street, New York: left thigh and left wrist fractured;

in Eastern District Hospital.

John Mochan, De Kalb avenue and Broadway, slight injuries; taken home.

Thomas J Gaffney, iron worker, 377 Eighth street, New York, sprained ankle. Home, William Nichols, iron worker, of 431 East Seventy-second street, New York, scalp wound and shock. Home,

William Davidson of 81 Gold street, New York, slight injuries. Home,

John Duane, iron worker, of 304 Eighth street, New York, dislocation left shoulder. Home,

Edward Pietig, iron worker, of 408 East Sixteenth street, New York, chin cut and head injured. Home,

Judge-elect John Petterson, 248% Stockton street, Brooklyn, scalp wound, contusions, and shock. Home.

Michael McAuley, the regular driver of ear 117, reported at 5 yesterday morning at the stable, but, two minutes before his car was to be rung off to begin its trip, he said to the night watchman:

"Call an extra. I don't feel like working to day,"

"I've got orders," the watchman replied, "not to excuse any one. The foreman says we're short-handed,"

"Woll, I don't care," McAuley said; "I won't drive to-day," and he walked past his car to the arreal list.

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"Jump the car, Tom; J'm off to-day," he said. Thompson sprang to the car platform delighted. With his hand on the brake he awaited the conductor's ring off.

"As it came he was whisting and humming to himself the tune. Where is My Boy Tonight? and that was the last we saw of the poor fellow," said a friend yesterday.

"We had made a couple of trips," said Charles Bickerton, the conductor of 117, "and as we started from the terry at the foot of Broadway we laughed at the starter, who had rung off our car first, then the Summer avenue car, and then the East New York car. He should have given our place in the line to the East New York car. We joked with each other on the trip up, and were amused at the annoyance which the mistake caused the East New York car driver. But we did not know what was coming. Just as we reached Flushing avenue corner I stopped the car to let Judge Petterson get on. The Judge passed to the front of the car and took a seat in the corner. Besides the Judge there was a woman with an infant in her arms and a child at her side a young zirl, and a darkseated opposite the Judge. The woman, girl, and child were at the rear of the car. As the car neared 640 Broadway, right above Sumner avenue corner. I waved my hand to the driver of car 69 of the Sumner avenue line as it turned from Broadway into the avenue, and walked into the car to collect Judge Petterson's fare. He half arose from his seat, handed it to me, and then sat down. I in the mean time turned to go to the rear platform, and had got just opposite the stove in the car when I heard a rumbling noise and then screeches and criex. As I looked and her stoed in the car in dicator to the office. How I came to have the ladicator I cannot tell you, any more than I can tell how I got out of the car. I do remember looking back as I reached the side walk. All I could see was hig beams and iron

myself. I reached the street. My coat was in ribbons as were my trousers, and even my abons, were torn, the soles being ripped off them.

All of the afternoon great crowds thronged the sone of the accident, and, as the structure had been made secure and travel allowed to be resumed, the speciators were calle to pass up and down on the aldewalks and see the remaining portions of the wreck. The police kept them moving, but many returned again and armin to the spot and alowly passed by to feast their eyes upon the soans of horror. Among them, after eshool hours, were thousands of the children, for the number of whom this part of Brooklyn is famed.

Newsboys found a ready sale in the growd for the extres containing the story of the disaster. The Eventino Sun, with nearly a page of tacts, was easyerly bought. But even the solemnity of the occasion could not prevent them from laughing when the evening edition of the fact-despising World happened along, it contained a reckless picture which showed a car going down hill on the left hand track, and being overwhelmed by the fall of a grid-fron structure, the like of which does not exist in Brooklyn. The whole picture was utterly ridiculous and puerile in the eyes of those who looked upon the terrible wreck of solid plate griders, heavy beams, big wheels, machinery and planking.

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A Negro who Assaulted a Woman Strung PINCENEYVILLE, Ill., Feb. 14.—There was vigorous rapping on the big wooden door of the all at 2 o'clock this morning. Sheriff Penwarden and the jailer who live on the upper floor saw below them six masked men who carried two shotguns and four revolvers. The Sheriff in his night dress and nighteap began to harangue the men, who declared that they had come from St. John's to lynch Alonso Holly, a negro, who assaulted a white woman two months ago. The longer the Sheriff talked the

nore impatient the vigilantes became. Finally one of the men pointed the barrel of his shotgun at the window.

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The white figure of the Sheriff disappeared in an instant, and the next instant the keys to all the cells in the jail were turned over to the mob, which numbered about fifty men. Without another word the masked men fell upon Holly, who was crouched in one corner of his cell. The prisoner cried and chattered all the time he was being bound, and begged his executioners to spare his life. A rope was quickly tightened around the man's neck and a rush was made for the door.

Holly now bleaded for two minutes to pray, and this being refused, he asked a fellow prisoner to pray for him. At the front door he endeavored to halt, and was jerked forward upon his face, and was thus dragged about lifty feet to a maple tree, where he was hanged to a limb about eight feet from the ground.

As soon as the lynchers dispersed, the Sheriff and jailer started out to give the alarm. When only a few feet from their door they came upon the negro, hanging almost across the sidewalk. He was dead. When daylight came the Coroner cut the body down with a corn knife. The vigilantes are not known.

From the time they entered the jail until the negro was jerked up to the lee-covered limb not a word was spoken to the crinning victim. The day after the crime Holly was brought here and placed in jail. That night a mob came from St. John's to lynch him, but the officers had taken him to Belleville, He was left there until he became so troublesome that the officials refused to keep him longer, and last Saturday he was brought back here.

Holly said two days ago that he would rather be hanged than stay in the Belleville jail. It was thought that the excitement had subsided, and therefore no trouble was anticipated. Holly's crime was particularly brutal. He cut the clothing from his victim with a razor, and then held the blade to her throat.

SAVED BY A REVENUE CUTTER. Bangerous Times for Light Vessels Along

ROCKLAND, Me., Feb. 14.-The ice which nas closed up the harbors in this section since Feb. 1 started to-day, and its departure was he cause of much excitement here. Itstarted bout noon, going out with the wind. An immense field of ice from 12 to 18 inches thick, started in a sheet and swung out in a body, taking all of the fleet of vessels in winter quarters here that lay in its way. The schooners A. J. Bentley and Helen Montague wer dragged to a dangerous position near the breakwater, and the schooner Addie E. Snow was taken out over the middle ground two niles to sea before she could be got clear. The revenue cutter Woodbury, Capt. A. A. Fenger, was fortunately in the harbor and steamed to the rescue. She broke the A. J. Bentiev and the Helen Montague clear first, and then rescued the schooner Ann Eliza, which had met the outgoing ice as she was entering the

the outgoing ice as she was entering the harbor.

By this time the schooner Addie Snow was two miles to sea, in the centre of many acres of solid blue ice, which frequent rains and cold weather had made nearly as hard as freshwater ice. Hard and persistent work, however, finally freed the imprisoned vessel.

Yesterday morning the Woodbury made a boat fiying the signal of distress two miles outside Monroe's Island, and ascertained that it contained four men of the crew of the schooner Gracie Young, Capt. Whitman. The men said that their vessel lay in a very dangerous position. The outter found her just inside Fisherman's Island, surrounded by rocks. The least change of wind meant total wreck.

Since Dec. 15 the Woodbury has helped eightyone vessels, saving many from total loss.

Considerable anxiety is felt here concerning the whereabouts of the schooner Lucila A. Snow, Capt. Enoch I., Bowe, which sailed from New York on the 17th ult, coal laden, for this port, and has not been heard from since.

WORKMEN'S WAGES IN CONNECTICUT. Some Interesting Facts for Labor Problem

HARTFORD, Feb. 14. - The Connecticut Bureau of Labor Statistics issues to-day its second statement of the incomes and expenses of workmen of the State. The report is based on returns from fifty families in all sorts of rades and in all parts of the State. In these amilies are 246 persons and 79 wage earners. The average monthly earnings of the fathers is \$42.47; of 6 mothers. \$18.83; of 16 sons. \$21.42; 7 daughters, \$18.19. The average income of these fifty families was \$56.88 in November. 1887, and the average per person, \$11.56. The daily family income was \$1.89, or 38% cents per person. The bureau gives the cost of groperson. The bureau gives, the cost of groceries, meat. fish, and other necessaries, and
all expenses for these fifty families, and goes
on to figure out an average of \$2.78 monthly for
each family above actual expenses. In these
families the average expense above the father's
wages was \$11.63 per month.

There is naturally great question of the accuracy of the results figured from these fifty
reports. To test them Commissioner Hotchkiss has made comparison with the Massachusetts reports for 1975, 1883, and Engel's Prussian reports. The Connecticut bureau statistics show an average monthly income of \$58.88,
while the average obtained from all the other
reports is \$62.88. Of the fifty Connecticut
families only five owned houses, and three of
these were mortgaged. Twenty-two of the
fifty fathers represented themselves in debt,
and only eleven had any savings. The highest
daily wages paid were \$3.50 for men. \$1.55 for
bors, and \$1 for girls. The lowest wages were
\$1.18, 65 cents, and 58 cents respectively.

Chicago Police have an Idea About Million

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.-Lieut. Ross of the Centrai Detail was last night hurriedly summoned to the house of A. J. Stone, a son-in-law of Millionaire Snell, who was murdered a week ago by unknown safe blowers. Mr. Stone and ago by unknown sale blowers. Mr. Stone and the officer were in conference over an hour. It leaked out to-night that Mr. Stone was not thoroughly satisfied with the stories of some of the persons who were about the Snell house on the day preceding the murder. There were no arrests to-day, but it is known that several men are under police surveillance.

A Bloody Fight at South River.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 14 .- There was a dance at Clamer's saloon in South River, five miles from this city, last night, at which several people from this city were present. Some Sayreville brickyard men started a fight, and soon knives were drawn and freely used. Several persons were cut, and Constable Lightfoot, who interfered, was stabled several times, and was very badly injured. The man who stabled him escaped, and so far no trace of him can be found. His name has not been ascertained.

Prio's Peartine is the Greatest n desergent, and the patrone increase yearly.

A WHISKEY VALENTINE. LAWYER HILLYS REGARDS TO COLLEAGUES AT TRENTON.

The Prohibition-License-Free-Rum Child to Born-The Republican Caucus Goes Two Moure Without a Brink to Talk it Over-Gov. Green Saubbed by the Assembly. TRENTON, Feb. 14 .- Lawyer Hill, as Chairman at once of the Bepublican caucus and the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly, gave his colleagues a valentine to-day in the shape

of what is guaranteed to be the real, sureenough Republican Temporance bill of the session. The old Local Option bill was withdrawn at the same time. It starts off as a high icense bill, fixing the fee at not less than \$100 in any town of 8,000 or fewer inhabitants, \$150 n cities of from 3,000 to 10,000, and \$250 in all cities of more than 10,000 population. No maxmum fee is fixed. The penalty for violation of the Excise law is to be forfeiture of the license for one year, and by a second forfeiture the person offending is made permanently ineligible for another license. The bill resembles a hornet in the location of its business feature. for along at the end comes a provision that whenever a certain proportion of the voters of any county so petition, the question of license or no license shall be submitted to a popular vote at a special election, and the decision then made shall be binding until another election is called in a similar way. Although this was declared to be a bill definitely decided upon in the Republican caucus, it was thought necessary to have another caucus immediately after it was introduced, and the discussion of the temperance question became so interesting that the Republicans stayed in session for nearly two hours before they adjourned and took adrink. It is understood that the effort to force the Essex county and other bolters to support this new bill was unsuccessful, but it is to be renowed before the bill is allowed to come to a vote. The local option crowd claim 32 Republican and 4 Democratic votes, which is five more than enough to pass it in the As-sembly.

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Among the bills introduced in the Senate was one providing that the death penalty shall hereafter be inflicted by electricity, and that in sentencing a criminal to death the Judge shall name the week during which execution shall take place, to be not less than four nor more than eight weeks from the date of sentence, and within that week the Sherill shall select a day, not previously to be made known to any one except the persons allowed to be present at the execution. There shall be the sentencing Judge, the prosecuting attorney, two physicians, twelve reputable citizens, two clergymen, if requested, and seven assistants to the Sherill. The corpse subsequently must be buried with enough quicklime to consume it or be given up for dissecting purposes. Awspapers are prohibited from reporting the execution further than a bare mention of the event. The electrical apparatus shall be fitted up at the State prison, to be lent to the counties as required. The act will not apply to any criminal whose crime is committed before the passage of this act, so that the man sentenced last week in Woodbury for killing his mother-in-law has no chance of the proud distinction of being the first person to be legally shocked to death. The joint meeting to-day appointed Abel J. Smith Judge of the District Court of Hoboken. The Democrats voted for James Mintura. John Mills, George L. Harris, and John H. Mederoft were elected Folice Justices for the Nint. Tenth, and Fourteenth wards, respectively, of Newark. The Governor nominated James M. Van Alen for Law Judge of Bergen County, and John A. Miller, Jr., for Judge of the First District Court of Newark.

The bill repealing the law of 1886, providing for a tunnel, instead of a bridge, at the famous Gap, in Jersey City, was passed by the Assembly. It is a forerunner of the regular fifteenyear-old Washington Street Bridge bill, and its success makes

year-old Washington Street Bridge bill, and its success makes the advocates of the latter hopeful.

The Assembly to-day sat upon Gov, Green with distinct emphasis for the unseemly interest that he has been taking in the disposition of that part of the State's eash which the Legislature undertakes, with marked success, to spend for its personal convenience. Last night the Governor sent in a voto of a bill appropriating \$500 to pay Thomas Flynn, well known as an ex-member of the Assembly, and present member of the third house, \$500 for his services last year as clerk to the Committee on Engrossed Bills. The same appropriation was vetoed by the Governor last year. The veto said that not only was the appointment of Flynn unauthorized, but that he had done his work in a slovenly manner, and didn't deserve anything anyhow. This morning the deserve anything anyhow. This morning the bill was taken up and, after a brief explanation, passed over the veto, 40 to 0. Democrats joining with Republicans in snubbing the Governor.

A bill reviving the charter of a corporation formed in 1859 to turn the Newark measlows into a vast pleasure lake, and a bill to enable the Hoboken Elevated Railroad Company to extend its line to Union Hill were introduced in the Assembly.

ATTACKED IN DRUID PARK.

A Young Teacher's Exciting Experience While on her Way to School

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.-Miss Sophia Hungerford is a teacher in one of the public schools of foodberry, a manufacturing village on the Northern Central Railroad about three miles from this city. She is pretty, and a favorite with her pupils. Her home is in this city on Gilmour street. Except when the weather is and she walks all the way from her home to the school, generally taking a short cut through Druid Hill Park. She has been often warned that her trudge through the lonely warned that her trudge through the lonely portions of the park might some day prove dangerous. Her reply was always the same, that she was not afraid especially as she carried a little revolver in her dress pocket.

This morning she started out as usual carrying with her a book. Just as she approached the rear gate of the lark, which opens into Woodberry, she was started by hearing hurried footsteps behind her. Before she could turn, a well-dressed young man of powerful physique struck her a terrific blow on the neck, which felled her to the ground. She fell on her face in the snow, which revived her some. In an instant she had drawn her revolver and levelled it at her assailant. When he saw the weapon he jumped upon her and tried to wrest it from her. She beld it with such a grip, however, that he found it impossible to take it from her. Then to silence her screams he nut his hand over her mouth, and she almost bit off one of his lingers. This unnerved him.

"I was too flurried to take alm, says the young woman, "as I drew the revolver, but turning on my back as I lay there I fired. At this he recoiled. I leased to my feet andefred again, but before I could fire the third shot he grappled with me and wrested my revolver from me. Then I ran as sast I could, screaming all the time and he turned back also, afraid that my cries would attract attention, as we were now close to the gate.

When Miss Hungorford reached her school some minutes later she fainted away, she could not tell whether her assailant intended to ommit an assault or simply rob her of her purse. Several men were arrested this afterneon on suspicion, but were afterward discharged. portions of the park might some day prove

An Opium Smuggler Poses as an Officer.

OGDENSBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 14 .- Erwin A. Gardner, who was arrested at Redwood a week ago to-day on a charge of smuggling opium, and released on \$10,000 ball to appear for trial in the United States Court at Utica next month, was arrested again to-day by United States Marshal George E. Van Kenner, at Philadelphia, this State, and brought here to answer as to his connection with the optim seized in his cousin's barn near that place last Saturday. Gardner has claimed all along that he was in the employ of the Government as a special agent, and was acting under orders from Special Agent Ayer, whose headquarters are at San Francisco, beccial Agent Morris Winslow telegraphed to Mr. Ayer this morning, giving the gist of these statements, to which Mr. Ayer has sent a reply very emphatically denying that such a man is under his direction, and declaring Gardner to be an impostor. United States Marshal Van Konner has also received a despatch from the United States District Attorney, conveying to him the Substance of a telegram from an official on the Pacific coast, which states that Gardner is, and was while in the Government service, one of the leaders in a company of onium smuggiers operating extensively on the Pacific coast. phia, this State, and brought here to answer as

The Referes Cuited It a Braw. Boston, Feb. 14 .- Two hundred and fifty

MR. COUDERTS REPLY TO COMSTOCK. GOVLD AND SAGE MAY BE INDICTED. His Brief in Betonce of Knoodler & Co.

Frederic R. Coudert, counsel for George E. Pfeiffer and Edward L. Knoedler, who are accused by Anthony Comstock of selling indecent pictures, yesterday submitted a brief in the case to Police Justice Kilebeth, before m an examination was held. In his brief Mr. Coudert says that there is no substantial dispute as to the facts in the case nor as to the high character and respectability of the house with which the defendants are connected, nor as to the innocence of the defendants so far as

guilty intent is concerned.

It may well be, Mr. Coudert continues, that nonest-minded and intelligent persons will differ as to the moral quality of a painting or engraving; it may also happen that such persons would be materially influenced in forming sons would be materially influenced in forming their judgment by the circumstances under which a given picture was exhibited or sold. Thus it was admitted by the prosecution that nude pictures are not necessarily finmoral. The fundamental difficulty here is the absence of a fixed standard of a rule of right and wrong. All these difficulties are singularly aggravated by the fact that the question of indecency, as connected with works of art, depends in a great measure upon the mind of the person who examines, as it will not infrequently happen that a prurient and ill-regulated imagination will discover in a work of art evidences of impurity which are not apparent to a clear and well-poised mind.

Here Mr. Coudert strongly intimated that Mr. Comstock's mind or imagination belongs to the former class, and that his testimony on such a subject is valueless. Mr. Coudert urrher says:

"There is enough real immorality in our midst to keep the Society for the Prevention of Vice occupied every hour of the day and every day of the year. The best way to subserve its interests is to confine its efforts to the punishment of intentional and fastrant crime. The worst way to further its beneficent objects is to attack and to discredit the honorable and conscientious citizen whose motives no man can fairly impugn."

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GRANT ON DE LESSEPS'S DITCH. He Forcesw a Fallure and a Total Loss to

Admiral Ammen has consented to the publication of the following personal letter from Gen. Grant: GALENA, Ill., June, 22, 1880.

MY DEAR AMMEN: Your despatch informing me of the departure of Capt. Phelps for Europe came after I had left here for Milwaukee. I wrote at once a letter for the Captain, directed to Gen. Noyes, our Minister to France, but intended for general use. I sent it to the care of our Consul at Liverpool, thinking that was where you said I should direct any letters for him. Since, I have found in my pocket your despatch, and see that I have made a mis-

your despatch, and see that I have made a mistake. I hope he will receive it on arrival. My letter was probably in time for the steamer of last Saturday week.

To-day I received a letter from Seligman enclosing a cablegram from De Lesseps offering me the Presidency of the Panama Canal (New York Presidency), with the same salary he is to receive, namely, 125,000 francs per annum. The letter also says that the Seligmans, with some other bank or banks that they can associate with them, will have the business of receiving the American subscriptions for performing the work, I telegraphed back my non-acceptance, and wrote giving my rousons.

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I gave the work that had been done in the way of surveys, what had been proven by these surveys, &c., and that while I would like to have my name associated with the successful completion of a ship channel between the two oceans, I was not willing to connect it with a failure, and when I believe the subscribers would lose all they put in.

I start on the 1st of July for Colorado and New Mexico, to be gone several weeks. Yours truly,

EMEMBERCKED IN CHENAPEAKE

SHIPWRECKED IN CHESAPEAKE BAY. Vessels Broken Up In the Ice and Sailors

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 14.-Among the passengers on the steamer Virginia, which arrived to-day from Norfolk, were four sailors who were shipwrecked on Friday off Maryland Point in the Chesapeake Bay. With several others they shipped from this city on the J. W. Stevenson, Capt. C. W. Evans, and a sloop whose name is unknown, to buy oysters for the Vashington markets. When off Maryland

Point the vessels became clogged in ice. Finally the continual pounding shattered the vessels so that their crews discovered it was impossible to keep them affoat. There was nothing left to them but to make their way ashore on the broken ice.

The nine men were soon immersed in the water, and partly by swimming and partly by elinging to the floating cakes they dragged themselves up on the beach, wet, half frozen, and exhausted. There are no popiliting near, and no shelter from the intense cold. For eight hours they remained on the shore with no fire and the thermometer down to about 10° above zero. Finally the Jane Mosely hove in sight and saved them.

Has Ada Montross Three Husbands ! PLAINFIELD, Feb. 14 .- David Curran of Newark made a complaint late on Monday night, before Justice Nodyne, against Ada Montross, accusing her of having three living husbands, of whom he was one. She was arrested at her mother's house in Richmond street, and locked up over Monday night in the city jail. In his complaint Curran said he mar-ried her in Newark on Nov. 17, 1887, and went to live with her in New York. She left him on Feb. 3. He found out that she had married

Feb. 3. He found out that she had married John Wilkes Thomas in Greenpoint on Nov. 12, five days before she married him, and that then she was already married to John Bowman of Pininfield.

The woman denied ever having married Curran, and rays she married Thomas ten years ago, and had two children by him, but obtained a divorce. She married Bowman in Pininfield about a year ago. Curran went to New York to hunt up Thomas, the third husband, and did not appear at the hour set down for the examination this morning. In consequence the exam was dismissed and the woman discharged, Later in the morning Chief of Police Carry received an express package from Curran which proved to contain a marriage certificate setting forth that he was married to Ada Montross on Nov. 17 last by the Rev. Fred C. Idehart, paster of the Central Methodist Church of Newark, but the certificate contains the names of no witnesses.

Eloped With a Colored Man-

BETTSVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 14.-Ada Boyer is just 20 years old, and has been one of the belies of the town. She sang in the choir of the Evan-gelical Church. On Monday night she fied with Ben Turner, a colored man in Urbana, with Ben Turner, a colored man in Urbana, who had several times been in Bettsville, but no one suspected that the girl was acquainted with him. On Tuesday morning, when her father called there was no response from her room. The bed had not been touched, but some of her clothes, lewelry, and satchel were missing. It is supplement the couple have gone to Urbana. Turner is a good-looking mulatto, and quite intelligent.

An Insune Mother Attacks her Children. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Irone Parke, wife of a house painter living in South Washington, about 416 o'clock this morning attempted to kill her two children. Louise and Daisy, aged respectively 12 and 7 years.

Mr. Parke when he returned home last night noticed that his wife acted strangely, and, afraid to go to steep, remained awake until after I o'clock this morning. remained awake until after 1 o'clock this morning. He fell alseep and was awakened by a noise and running to the children's room met her, when the rate it a birchelle threw her to the floor, out she sond ratherd burden depressed but she was painted. A his said to an extract the children, and she reached for the lighted that the threw, but he was watching her too closely. He succeeded in getting her to wait out, and got her to the police stationing the silen said she had intended to kill the whole family, and then herself. The younger child received seven could across her bead, which were made by the hatchet, and the mother attempted to ent the threat of the other with an old case knife, but it was not sharp enough.

Seventy-five Years Married. MEADVILLE, Pa., Feb. 14 .- This county lays Col. Fellows will Submit the Facts to the

District Attorney Fellows said yesterday that he should lay the facts in the complain against Jay Gould and Russell Sage for the larceny of \$3,000,000 before the Grand Jury some day this week, probably on Friday. He should make no recommendations, nor would he advise the Grand Jury what course they should pursue, unless the Grand Jury should request him to do so. In that event he would

request him to do so. In that event he would go before the Grand Jury and give them whatever assistance was in his power.

The yarn that Col. Fellows had said that he had been "approached" by persons interested in the case grew up in this way: He remarked in somebody's hearing that the case was exciting much interest, and that people had approached him in the streets and stopped him on the corners to ask him questions about it. Some of these people said that Gould and Sago ought to be indicted and tried, others that they ought to be railroaded to State prison by the shortest route.

I answered all such remarks." Col. Fellows said yesterday, "by saying that Gould and Sage would be treated precisely as other men.

said yesterday," by saying that Gould and Sage would be treated precisely as other men are treated who are complained of for larceny."

SUICIDE OF A DRUMMER'S WIFE, She Thought He was Going on the Read Again, and Life was Too Lonely,

Mrs. Dora Goldberg, a handsome young Russian Jewess, whose husband is a travelling alesman for Godhelp & Son, shirt makers, of 554 Broadway, killed herself last night by swalowing two ounces of carbolic acid. She lived in the tenement at 605 East Eleventh street ler husband was away from home a great deal, and she had frequently entreated him to get into some business that would give her more of his company. Her lonesomeness made

more of his company. Her lonesomeness made her melancholy.

Her husband told her recently that he would in the future work only in the city. He came home last night with a package of samples, and she supposing that he was going on the road again, went to her bedroom and drank the poison. Her husband, who was drinking beer with a party of friends in the front room, went back to give her a glass and found her dying. Dr. Phillips of 600 East Eleventh street was called in and found her dead. She leaves a 2½-year-old boy.

ESCAPED THE SUICIDE PATROL. Frederick Muller Gets a Room at the Van

Dyke House and Takes Gas, Frederick Muller of 172 Floyd street, Brooklyn, escaped the vigilance of the suicide patrol n the Van Dyke House yesterday morning. At 10 o'clock he was found unconscious from gas olsoning in the fifty-cent room he had hired

the night before. Two letters and a postal card were found in his clothing. One of the letters and the postal card were addressed to John Ullrich of 172 Floyd street, Brooklyn. One letter says: Should I dis unexpectedly, all I possess shall go to John Ullrich.

John Ulrich.

The letter addressed to Ullrich requests that his life insurance policy be collected, and the money be used to defray his funeral expenses, At Chambers Street Hospital at midnight Muller was still unconscious.

Elections on Staten Island. The following officers were elected at the town and county elections held yesterday on

Town of Castleton-Supervisor, Robert Moore (Ind.), 450 majority; Justice of the Peace, W. W. Corbett (Rep.); Collector, A. G. Wilkes (Rep.); Town of Midletown-Supervisor, George Bechtel (Dem.); Town Clerk, George Macklins (Dem.); Collector, Bernard McAlvon (Dem.); Town Assessor, Michael Dwyer (Dem.); Justice of the Peace, Michael McGuire (Dem.); Town of Southfield-Supervisor, Nathaniel Marsh; Collector, Michael Finley (Dem.); Assessor, William Parkinson (Dem.); Justice of the Peace, Michael Kane (Dem.); Town Clerk, John Whitey, Sr.

Town of Northfield-Supervisor, E. P. Doyle; Town Clerk, Frank Foggin (Rep.); Justice of the Peace, T. J. Butlor.

Town of Westfield-Supervisor, Abram Cole (Rep.); Collector, John Androvette (Rep.). Ind.), 450 majority; Justice of the Peace, W.

An Inoffensive News Stand Removed, James Calligan of 112 Ludlow street has kept a news stand in front of 23 Park row for nine years. For almost twenty years he has old papers along Park row. On Monday last he received a notice from the Bureau of En-cumbrances that the stand must be removed. On Tuesday noon he went away to sell a few papers which had been left over, leaving his little boy in charge of the stand. When he came back he found a man putting the stand on a truck of the bureau, and when he asked to be allowed to keep the cover he was told to keep his mouth shut. The complaint was brought by parties at 79 Beekman street, Calligan says, and he cannot imagine the reason. No one has complained of him before. Calligan has a wife and family dependent on the income derived from the selling of papers.

A Lenp Year Proposal to Capt. Grant. A young woman who had been acting oddy at Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue ast evening told Police Capt. Donald Grant when she was arrested that she was Mary Mcwhen she was arrested that she was Mary Mc-Laughlin, a governess, and that she had been engaged to marry Dr. McGlynn.

"But he's left the Church now and I'd as soon marry you." she said, experimentally.

The Captain said he was bespoken, and so she proposed to the doorman. She was doemed insane and was sent to Bellevue. She said that the family she was employed by was at the Ho-tel Brunswick.

A Train Despatcher is Crazed by His Own

Mistake. HONESDALE, Pa., Feb. 14.-H. A. Mace, for HONESDALE, FR., FOD. 14.—H. A. BIRGE, 107 many years a train despatcher in the employ of the Delaware and Hudson and Fonnsylvania Coal Company's railroads, and a leading citizen of Dummore, is a fugitive from that place, owing to most distressing circumstances. He lassed an order to Engineer William Scott to run He issued an order to Engineer William Scott to run bis engine "wild" from Dunmore to Pittston. He subsequently gave Engineer Coa Seigle orders to run from Fittston to tool Braker No. 8, to take out a coal train. The two engines running at full apsed, collided. Engineer Seigle was crushed to death in the wreck, and fingineer Scott is supposed to be fataily injured. When the news of his fatai error reached Despatcher Mace he was almost crased. He is reported as having wandered away, moaning and immenting, and he has not been seen since. It is supposed the despatcher forgot that he had given the order to Engineer Scott when he issued the other to Engineer Scott when he issued the

Terrible Fight with Burglars.

BRIDGEFORT, Ill., Feb. 14.—R. S. Porter, a wealthy farmer, and his witch and a terrible encounter with burglars on Sunday night, near Lawrenceville. Early in the evening Mr. Porter responded to a knock at the door, when a man entered and placed a revolver at his head. He threw his assailant to the floor, and while strungling with him a second man entered and held Mrs. Porter at buy with a revolver: She went at this one with a poker, while her husband struggled with the first. Two more of the gang came into the assistance of their confederates, and a terrible fight ensued. Some of the neighbors became alarmed by this time, and the hurgiars made a hurried opparitie. Mr. and the first injured. He received numerous deep cuts from a knife, and she was nigured internally, besides being headly burned from selsing the wrong end of the poker. The sheriff with a posse is making a vigorous search for the gang.

Chicago's New Chief of Police.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.-Capt. George W. Hubbard Was the evening appointed Chief of Police by Mayor Roche to succeed Frederick K. Literacid, resigned. The new Chief entered upon his duties at once, its has for some time been Capital of the Central detail.

George R. Davis said to day that Capit liminaway and 401 patrolines would be dismissed in a few days, and their places given to more agressive men.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The festivities of Mardi Gras were brilliantly celebrated yesterday at New Oricans. The grocery of Charles F. Kaffer at Atchison, Kansas, was burned vesterday. Loss, 541,000. The Montgomery, N. V. county election yesterday resulted in the Democrate execting six out of ten Super-Medica, a gain of one.

There have been heavy anaw storms in the west of Engiand, Scotland, and Wates. Two trains are snowed up between Rath and Bristo.

Cashier Observations. up between Bath and Bristo.

Cashier O'Brien and Bookkeeper Norse of the broken
First National Bank of Auburn, N. Y., have been traced
to Halifax, where they took the steamer Oregon for Liverocol. erpool

Bit Michael Hicks Beach has been appointed President
of the Board of Trade in place of Lord Stanley of Preston, who will succeed Lord Lansdowne as GovernorGeneral of Canade. The Rhode Island House of Representatives resterday passed the bill for the automorphism to the electors of an

The state Home opathic is clear at Albany yeaterday elected the following officers: President, Dr. Win, Tod islamith. New York, Secretary, Dr. Herbert M. Dey foot, Hochester: Treasurer, Dr. Edward & Coburn, Troy. Have you attended the furniture sale now going on at Film's 16th st, near 6th av.? They are selling slegant furniture at less than cost of manufacture.

TOM GOULD MADE PRISONER

PRICE TWO CENTS.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS ARREST HIM AS THE THEATRE.

He's Going to Ludlow Street Jail for Contempt if Corporation Counsel Beckman can Manage it, and This Time Shamming Sickness Wen't Help him Out so Easily.

Tom Gould, in an Esquimau overcoat and shining beaver, and with two giant solltairs rings on his little finger conspicuous as he stroked his big moustache, stood up at the rear of the orchestra chairs at the Fourteenth Street Theatre last night. He had gone there with Michael R. Menden of 500 Sixth avenue to see Nat Goodwin play "Turned Up." Just as Goodwin turned up on the stage Deputy Sheriffs Crawford and O'Donnell turned up at the door and tapped Gould on the shoulder.

"You're under arrest," they said. Gould started back and cried: "What for?" "Contempt of court," the deputies replied. You are charged with disobeying Judge Barrott."

Gould ground his teeth, and then almost cried as he turned and walked out of the theatre with the deputies. He hurried up Broadway with them and met Jere Dunn and Al Adams and taking them in tow went back to Order of Arrest Clerk Barney Martin's club at 260 Sixth avenue. Mr. Martin was there waiting for them, He had received an order of arrest early in the

Arrest Clerk Barney Martin's club at 260 Sixth avenue. Mr. Martin was there waiting for them. He had received an order of arrest early in the afternoon, and had had his men scurrying about several hours before they found out that Gould was going to the theater.

Gould nearly broke down again when he reached the dub room.

"I wasn't going to run away," he said, "and so help me God this is persecution. May I die this minute if it isn't God's truth that I have been out of business of every kind for the last year. I am a penniless man this moment and hounded like a mad dog."

"How much bail must I give?" he asked with a very dismai face.

"One thousand dollars," Mr. Martin said, and Adams and Minden offered themselves as bondsmen and were accepted.

Adams gave as security his house at 631 West Thirty-econd street, and Minden his house at 59 West Thirtieth street. Gould ordered something to drink directly after his release, and walked away disconsolate.

"What next?" he said in a tremulous voice, "I sant go to Coney Island or anywhere else. He said that he expected that all creation would stamp on him, but he declared with emphasis that he hadn't tried to play any. "unny business "with Judge Harrett. He showed a lot of leases of the Thirty-first street dive made out to others than himself as lessees, and said that he had simply been around the dive for the last few months for old association sake. For two years previous to giving up he had been manager for Parker, his brother-in-law at a saiary of \$75 a week.

Judge Barrett had granted an order directing Gould to appear before the Supreme Court, Chambers, on Friday and say why he shall not be committed to Ludlow streeting Gould to appear before the Supreme Court, Chambers, on Friday and say why he shall not be committed to Judge here for Gould's price of divide Barrett had known the Supreme Court on Friday, Corporation Counsel Beekman, mindful that Gould contemned a similar order last year and escaped to Jersey, procured from Judge Barrett yesterday an order for Gou

The Priest's Crusade Against the Prophet. Dr. McGlynn's left flank movement which captured the Executive Committee of the Anti-Poverty Society has been met by a right fank movement on the part of Henry George's adherents. Louis F. Post, one of the George men, made application to Judge Patterson in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, on be-half of himself and others, for articles of incorporation of the Anti-Poverty Society. Judge Patterson has not approved the incorporation. A curious feature of the split is that both parsons. Pentecost and Huntington, take sides against McGlynn, and that the politicians, Mo-

Mackin and Bealin, are against George. Coast Currents, Approaching Sandy Hook

rents in the approaches to Sandy Hook by Lieut. J. E. Pillsbury of the navy shows that off the entrance to Vineyard, Block Island, and Long Island Sounds there is s tidal current setting on shore with the flood and off shore with the ebb, the direction changing from one to four hours after high and low waters at Newport, R. I. four hours after high and low waters at Newport, R. I. Close to the openings the velocity of this tidal current is greatest, and it is stronger at the time of spring tides than at that of neaps. Both its direction and velocity are interfered with, probably by a counter-current which sets to the westward, and which is strongest about three days after the highest declination of the moon. In the track of the Europeansteamers bound to Sandy Hook the tidal influence is interfered with by the counter current more than urrent with a tendence to the counter current more than urrent his steamer track was about one and a tour tends and the least velocity was one and four tenths knota and the least was two-tenths of a knot. As the time of spring tides til increases to about one-half knot.

The Pamily Bible Sent For.

The Brotherhood of Steamboat Pilots are The Brotherhood of Steamboat Pilots are committee that young Richard J. Moran is not 21 years old, and that he is not a skifful pilot.

Both the young pilot and his father Michael were examined and cross-examined yeaterday by counsel for both sides without arriving at any definite result as to Richard's arc. When all else failed, Lawyer Dease instand that the record of the boy's livith must be in the family Bible which Moran says his wife bought by subscription and the committee directed that the book be produced to-day.

The Mayor Blesses Mary Dunkelly. The long record of permits granted by the Aldermen for street stands vetced by the Mayor was broken yesterday. Mayor liewitt approved the permit to Mary Dunkelly to keep a stand at 24 Vesey street. The Mayor says he has investigated this case and found that the stand will not impede public travel.

The Weather 1 esterday. Indicated by Hudnut's thermometer: 3 A. M. 2000 to A. 2000 to A

Signal Office Prediction. Light local snows, followed by colder, fair

JOTTINGS ABOUT 10WM. Oscar M. Wood of New York was yesterday appointed.

Oscar M. Wood of New York was yesterday appointed a Post Office inspector.

The Eikewood Social Club of Yorkville will hold its annual ball next Tuesday evening at Lenox Hall, corner of Seventy-second street and Third avenue.

At a meeting yesterday of creditors of M. & R. Balomen, wholesa e dealers in tobacco, it was agreed to accept 40 cents on the dollar and the firm agreed to pay it. A full jury was got yesterday, and the trial of John Carroll Cardonia, colored, for murdering two rishmen, will be begun in the Court of Oyer and Terminer to day. Richard Hyde and Louis C. Hehman the Brooklyn theatrical munagers, have secured a five years icuse of Harrigan's New Yark Incare, to run from May 1 next. The annual renial is \$15,000. The proprietors of the Fifth Avenue Botel have accured so injunction to prevent the assignee of Law, the tailor, from subjetting Law's store in the hotel building for anything but a Bret class tailor's shop

for anything but a first class tantor shop.

The Aldermen are dispused to help the Brotherhood of Steamboat Plots, who have pentioned for the making of the electric lights on the river front. The phots say the lights confuse them in navigating the river.

William I. Negus and William t. S. Carpenter (William I. Negus & Co.), dealers in hardware at 17 Warren street, made an assignment yesterday to Frederick G. Rimedley, giving preferences for \$2.1.710, Liabilities from \$75,000 to \$100.000. A course of public lectures, under the auspices of the Colombia Colors School of Library Economy, beginning that Prof. Joseph II Gilmore of the University of the University of the Joseph II Gilmore of the University of the backer taked on "Who Reads II American Hooks."

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The Inter-State Commerce Commission will investigate the matter of the heard transportation of immigrante, and hear the case of James C Savery & Cospains the truth thee, beginning Feb. 21 at room 45 in the Fost Office.

Judge Cowing has affirmed the conviction of Flumbers Judge Cowing has affirmed the conviction of Flumbers Judge Cowing has affirmed the William of Flumbers in the Special Sections for violating the law which re-quires plumbing to be done in accordance with plane approved by the Straf of Health. The Board of Addressen has approved the bill disap-tored by the Nation to increase the salaries of police Dynamic flustonic adopted the ordinance giving to the loss the party for control the movements of all processes to places of outportment. Figh a violence as there is goes to show that Henry Brandt, the planter who was found dead on the side-walk in front of 440 West Thirty-sixth street, three him self out of the third-story window while drunk or follout, and the three men who had been arrested years against its coronary Letts.